

REMARKS

Examiner Interview

During the telephone conference, the Examiner agreed to allow Claims 15 and 30 as written. She also agreed that Claim 31 would be allowable by changing the word "in" to "are".

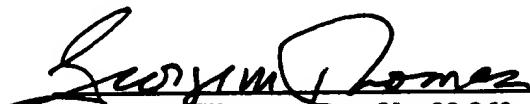
A proposed change to Claim 24 was suggested by Harold L. Marquis. This change involved asserting the word "actively" before "ejecting" in the last line. The Examiner did not agree that that would make the claim allowable. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment of Claim 24 distinguishes that claim from Janessen.

It was stated in the telephone conference, that the Applicant plans to file a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to address other issues in the Final Office Action.

CONCLUSION

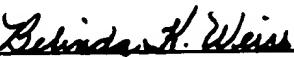
In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-13, 15, 17-33 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,


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ANNOTATED VERSION OF MODIFIED CLAIMS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The following is a marked up version of the amended claims. Amend the following claims by adding the language that is underlined ("__") and by deleting the language that is enclosed within brackets ("[]"):

24. (Twice Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is provided with means for leading the supports past processing installations, wherein the device has a Skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said Skinner has skin [gripping means and discharge means for ejecting the skin] for actively ejecting the skin from the skin gripping means.

31. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising a conveyer having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyer is provided with means for leading the supports in a supply direction past at least one processing installation, wherein the device has a Skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said Skinner having a skin gripping device which includes two rollers with means for rotating the rollers opposite to and considered from the carcass towards each other, and wherein there are means for moving the skin gripping means perpendicular to the supply direction [in] are connection to the means for rotating the rollers.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

24. (Twice Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is provided with means for leading the supports past processing installations, wherein the device has a Skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said Skinner has skin for actively ejecting the skin from the skin gripping means.

31. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is provided with means for leading the supports in a supply direction past at least one processing installation, wherein the device has a Skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said Skinner having a skin gripping device which includes two rollers with means for rotating the rollers opposite to and considered from the carcass towards each other, and wherein there are means for moving the skin gripping means perpendicular to the supply direction are connection to the means for rotating the rollers.